(d) Reserves cannot be attributed directly to any one component of inflows. However, portfolio investment is potentially mobile and can therefore put a strain on reserves. Actual inflows and outflows depend on many factors, including, especially, perceptions regarding the macroeconomic fundamentals of the economy and confidence in economic management. The cumulative portfolio investment during the last four years, however, constitute less than 30 per cent of gross foreign exchange reserves, which provides ample cushion against possible outflows.

Pre-payment of Annual

246. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of external debt and the percentage of commercial borrowing components therein;

(b) whether it shall be possible to continue pre-payment of annual debt service charges to IMF as has been done earlier; and

(c) whether there has been a reduction in growth rate of external debt during 1991-93 as compared to later eighties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total external debt outstanding including defence debt, NRI Deposits and short term debt is estimated to be US $ 90.723 billion at the end of March, 1994. The percentage of commercial borrowing components therein works out to approximately 12.70%.

(b) The Government will take a final view on the matter at the appropriate time based on our balance of payments position and the foreign exchange reserves.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Malhotra Committee Recommendation

247. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few Australian firms have evinced keen interest in entering into Indian General Insurance market;

(b) what is the status of implementation of Malhotra Committee recommendations of restructuring the insurance industry as on date; and

(c) what are the compulsions/reservations on Government going slow on Malhotra Committee Report even after other core sectors have been thrown open to overseas investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) After the Malhotra Committee submitted its report on reforms in the insurance sector, representatives of some Australian Insurance Companies visited our country.

The recommendations of the Malhotra Committee are under consideration.

Restructuring the capital bases of Nationalised Banks

248. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to restructure the capital bases of some nationalised banks with foreign funds provided by the World Bank and other agencies;

(b) whether Government have made out scheme for restructuring of the capital base of some of these banks only and not provided to others; and

(c) if so, the facts and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A financial sector development loan has been negotiated with the World Bank. It includes a capital restructuring component for augmenting the capital of six nationalised banks.

(b) Nationalised banks, including the six banks referred to above, have received capital contribution from Government in 1993-94 and 1994-95 from its budgetary resources, as indicated below:-

Year	No. of banks	Amount of capital contribution (Rs. in crores)
1993-94	19	5700.00
1994-95 (so far)	13	4367.54

(c) Does not arise.

Pending cases of United Bank of India

249. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Bank of India Headquarters has not taken any decision on the pending applications of widows whose husbands died in harness long time back;

(b) whether the United Bank of India neither made any effort to offer employment to sons and daughters of those employees who died in harness;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) what immediate efforts are being made by the United Bank of India to offer employment to those applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) United Bank of India has reported that under the bank's Died in Harness' Scheme, employment is offered to the dependant of the deceased employee on compassionate grounds and normally such cases are given effect to after completion of procedural formalities which take around three months. Under the scheme, employment is offered to widow of the deceased employee irrespective of the fact that her son or daughter is already employed in the bank. In case the widow is not willing to accept the offer, her son or daughter is offered employment in the bank on her recommendation provided no other son or daughter is employed in the bank. The bank has further reported that there is no pending case for compassionate appointment beyond three months, with the bank.

Setting up of Special recovery tribunals

250. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1983 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 1994 and state:

(a) how many Special Recovery Tribunals have been set up so far for recovery of Banks dues;

(b) how many cases have been sent by the Banks to the Special Recovery